

(6) For any otherwise eligible project that is in violation of either a Federal, State or local environmental protection law or regulation or an enforceable land use restriction unless the financial assistance required will result in curing or removing the violation.

(7) For any hotels, motels, tourist homes, or convention centers.

(8) For any tourist, recreation, or amusement centers.

§§ 1951.855–1951.858 [Reserved]

§ 1951.859 Term of loans.

(a) No loans shall be extended for a period exceeding 30 years. Principal payments on loans will be made at least annually. The initial principal payment may be deferred not more than 3 years.

(b) The terms of loan repayment will be those stipulated in the loan agreement and/or promissory note.

§ 1951.860 Interest on loans.

(a) RDLF intermediaries: When the RDLF loan portfolio was transferred from HHS to USDA as required under Pub. L. 99–198, section 1323 of the Food Security Act of 1985, there were provisions that affected the interest rates on those loans.

(1) Those loans made in 1980 and 1981 carried an original note rate of 1 percent interest when they were first issued. The legislation provides for those loans made in 1980 and 1981 to have a permanent interest rate reduction to 1 percent effective December 23, 1985, to maturity. However, the interest rates on the loans made in 1983 and 1984 may remain the same as the original note rate.

(2) Loans made in 1983 and 1984 do not automatically qualify for a lower rate than the level of interest rates when the notes were first issued. Section 407 of Pub. L. 99–425 provides for a weighted average requirement that would affect those loans made in 1983 and 1984 to intermediary borrowers.

(3) In those cases where loans were made in RDLF intermediaries and the weighted average of all loans made by the RDLF intermediary after December 31, 1982, does not exceed the sum of 6 percent plus the interest rate to the intermediary (7 percent), the interest

rate to be charged the RDLF intermediary will be the rate charged on such loans made in 1980, or 1 percent. Should the weighted average exceed 7 percent, the note rate will control.

(i) In order for FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 to determine the weighted average of the loan portfolio, the RDLF intermediary will be required to complete a weighted loan average rate on its outstanding portfolio. The schedule prepared for FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354's review should include:

(A) Calculations of the interest amount scheduled to accrue on each loan outstanding over a 1-year period based on the current interest rate of each ultimate recipient's loan.

(B) The sum total of interest on each individual loan will be added together to determine the total interest amount scheduled to accrue over a 1-year period.

(C) Divide the total of paragraph (a)(2) of this section by the total principal outstanding to determine the average interest percent yield in the intermediary's loan portfolio.

(D) The loans to be included in determining the weighted interest average will be those made from January 1, 1983, forward.

(E) FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 will use the anniversary date of October 1 of each year to request the intermediary to complete a weighted interest average to determine the interest rate on its RDLF loan for the coming calendar year, January 1 through December 31. All loans made in 1980 and 1981 have had the interest rate permanently reduced by legislation to 1 percent, effective December 25, 1985.

(F) The weighted loan average interest rate on the outstanding loan portfolio as referenced in this section will be forwarded to FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 along with sufficient documentation which should include calculations, list of outstanding loans, current interest rate being charged on the loan, etc.

(b) Interest rates charged by intermediaries to the ultimate recipients shall be at rates negotiated by those parties. Intermediaries are encouraged

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to make loans to ultimate recipients at the lowest possible rate, taking into account the cost of the loan funds to the intermediary and the cost of administering the loan portfolio.

§§ 1951.861–1951.865 [Reserved]**§ 1951.866 Security.**

(a) *Loans from RDLF intermediaries to ultimate recipients.* Security requirements for loans from intermediaries to ultimate recipients will be negotiated between the intermediaries and ultimate recipients. FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 concurrence in the intermediary's security proposal is required only when security for the loan from the intermediary to the ultimate recipient will also serve as security for the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 loan.

(b) *Additional security.* The FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 may require additional security at any time during the term of a loan to an intermediary if, after review and monitoring, an assessment indicates the need for such security.

(c) *Appraisals.* Real property serving as security for all loans to intermediaries and for loans to ultimate recipients serving as security for loans to intermediaries will be appraised by a qualified appraiser. For all other types of property, a valuation shall be made using any recognized, standard technique for the type of property involved (including standard reference manuals), and this valuation shall be described in the loan file.

§ 1951.867 Conflict of interest.

The intermediary will, for each proposed loan to an ultimate recipient, inform FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 in writing and furnish such additional evidence as FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 requests as to whether and the extent to which the intermediary or its principal officers (including immediate family) hold any legal or financial interest or influence in the ultimate recipient or the ultimate recipient or any of its principal officers (including immediate family) holds any legal or financial interest or

influence in the intermediary. FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 shall determine whether such ownership, influence or financial interest is sufficient to create potential conflict of interest. In the event FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 determines there is a conflict of interest, the intermediary's assistance to the ultimate recipient will not be approved until such conflict is eliminated.

§ 1951.868–1951.870 [Reserved]**§ 1951.871 Post award requirements.**

(a) RDLF intermediaries with undisbursed RDLF loan funds shall be governed by these regulations, the loan agreement, the approved work program, security interests, and other conditions which FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 may require in awarding a loan.

(b) Unless otherwise specifically agreed to in writing by the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354, any loan funds held by an intermediary and any funds obtained from loaning FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354-derived funds and recollecting them that are not immediately needed by the intermediary for an ultimate recipient should be deposited in an interest-bearing account in a bank or other financial institution which will be covered by a form of Federal deposit insurance. Any interest or income earned as a result of such deposits shall be used by the intermediary only for purposes authorized by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354.

(c) Intermediaries operating relending programs must maintain separate ledgers and segregated accounts for RDLF funds at all times.

(d) Reporting requirements shall be those delineated in the loan agreement between the United States and the intermediary and such subsequent requirements as FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 deems appropriate. The intermediaries must document periodically the extent to which increased employment, income and ownership opportunities are provided to rural residents for each loan made by such intermediary.